

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-9 are currently pending, Claims 1-6 and 10-21 having been canceled and Claim 7 having been amended by way of the current amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 20 were rejected as being anticipated by either Newton et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,437,981, hereinafter Newton) or Ghoshal (U.S. Patent No. 6,474,074); and Claims 7-9 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter. While Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation-type applications to cover the subject matter of Claims 1-6 and 10-21, Applicants have decided at this time to cancel Claims 1-6 and 10-21 in light of the allowable subject matter of Claims 7-9. Claim 7 has been written in independent form, incorporating the subject matter of the claims from which it depended. As Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that all of Claims 7-9 are now in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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